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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 10, with the following amended paragraph:

The planar panels 52 and 54 are positioned adjacent each other. The periphery side edge of each of the planar panels 52 and 54 is connected to a curved side panel 56 or 58 or 60. The tapered or angled periphery side edges of the planar panels each have a lip formed therein 53 and 55. The lips 53 and 55 are each configured to receive an edge portion 66 or 68 of a side curved panel 56 and 58. By providing such lips 53 and 55, the side curved panels 56 and 58 can be secured along one of their lengths and substantially prevented from skewing relative to the planar panels 52 and 54. Portions of the curved side panels 56 and 58 and the planar panels 52 and 54 form the continuous entrance surface 50. The continuous entrance surface 50 provides a continuous surface for supporting the film 400 along its entire extent as it moves thereacross.

Please replace paragraph the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 9, with the following amended paragraph:

Another process for the processing of continuous food product into individually wrapped serving portions involves the folding of the film into the sleeve shape using a folding tunnel having an integral folding ramp surface leading to the entrance of the folding tunnel, such as illustrated in FIGURES 18 and 19 and disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 4,532,754. The film is unwound from a roll of film and pulled over the folding ramp, which inclined at an angle of about ~~133~~ 47 degrees to a longitudinal axis of the folding tunnel. The folding tunnel is formed partially by folded portions of the ramp in addition other portions adjacent thereto. Within the folding tunnel is a cheese extruding tube through which cheese, or other such food products, are extruded. The ramp and the folded portions thereof are embossed with dimples in an attempt to reduce friction

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forces between the contact surfaces of the film and the film.